after 31-10-1961 have not yet got selection grade.

(c) Lady Assistant Teachers (General) appointed up to October, 1961 and Lady Assistant Teachers (Scheduled Caste) appointed up to July, 1980 have been granted selection grade.

(d) Next list expected to cover Lady Teachers (General) appointed up to January, 1962 for grant of selection grade is likely to be issued before the end of December, 1986.

Investigation into smuggling of goods

206. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated October 10, 1986;

(b) if so, whether investigations into the matter has led to unearthing of a big smuggling racket involving smuggling of goods worth crores of rupees into the country; and

(c) what steps have been taken and are being taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under investigation by the Police and Customs Departments and appropriate steps will be taken on receipt of their report.

Filling up of reserved seats by SC/ST Candidates in IITs

207. SHRI PRIAHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that seats reserved for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Indian Institutes of Technology are filled up only by candidates belonging to these communities and that these are not interchangeable;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a result of this policy, many of these seats remain vacant;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) whether Government propose to review the policy to fill up the maximum number of reserved seats by the successful candidates of SC and ST communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The seats reserved for the students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are filled up by the students belonging to the respective community only. The unfilled seats, reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, are not filled up by students belonging to any other community.

(d) A number of steps have been taken during recent years to increase the intake of students belonging to SC and ST communities in the Indian Institutes of Technology. These steps have shown positive results.

Increase in ceiling of Income for SC/ST Candidates in IIT, Delhi

208. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that due to erosion in income, the ceiling of Rs. 880 as basic pay, fixed for providing amenities to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates pursuing preparatory courses in I.I.T. Delhi, has become outdated;

(b) whether Government propose to raise the ceiling; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?